

'High Rise' Southern Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana* 'High Rise')

Live Oaks have large spreading canopies, which is one of the limiting factors in using live oaks in smaller yards and landscapes. However, this Live Oak cultivar called 'High Rise' is a game changer for those seeking a live oak for a standard size yard.

'Highrise' has a low spread to height ratio. This means that the canopy won't spread as wide as the typical, wild live oak, making it perfect for home landscapes. While the standard live oak can reach 60 to 100 feet in canopy width and 40 to 60 feet in height, a 'Highrise' will be only about 25 feet in width and 40 feet in height.

The reddish new growth is attractive against a backdrop of dark green, evergreen leaves.



Insect galls (growths caused by insects) are often observed on oaks but no treatment is recommended since these are mainly cosmetic and generally are not harmful to the tree.

Live Oaks grow best in full sun on a wide variety of soils. They even tolerate occasionally wet soil and have high drought tolerance and high wind resistance.

Information Source:

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